

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 650

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles David Lockett.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles David Lockett of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockett was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on June 27, 1916, in Knox County, Charles Lockett graduated from Knoxville High School in 1934 and decided to pursue a career in law, earning his Juris Doctor from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockett was joined in holy matrimony with Helen Cole that same year, and the loving couple enjoyed fifty-eight years of marital bliss before she went onto her great reward; and

WHEREAS, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, Charles Lockett served with the courage and conviction of a true patriot with the United States Army during World War II, including thirty-three months in England, Africa, Sicily, and Italy; and

WHEREAS, this selfless officer also rendered fourteen months of faithful military service in the Korean War, performing his duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and eventually achieving the impressive rank of Colonel; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty years of regular and reserve service, Charles Lockett earned a plethora of awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star, the European Theatre Ribbon with six battle stars, and the Korean Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, upon completing his distinguished military career, Mr. Lockett returned to his law practice and served with acumen and alacrity as a founding partner of Lockett, Slovis,

and Weaver, in which capacity he earned the respect and admiration of his clients, members of the bench, and his colleagues alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected attorney and influential figure in the legal community, Charles Lockett was a valued member of the American Bar Association, Knoxville Bar Association, Commercial Law League of America, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and America Judicature Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockett was a life-long, committed member of the Democratic Party, who made invaluable contributions in the local, state, and national political arenas; and

WHEREAS, he masterfully managed three successful gubernatorial campaigns in Knox County for Governor, ably served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960, and expertly supervised the Knox County campaign for the Kennedy-Johnson ticket; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Lockett was also a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous organizations, including serving as a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities, United Way, American Red Cross, Knox County Arthritis Foundation, Helen Ross McNabb Center, Downtown Sertoma Club, East Tennessee Foundation, American Legion, and Military Order of World Wars; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Lockett was awarded the Clara Barton Award and the Outstanding Community Service Award by the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Charles Lockett was a charter member of the Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, where he selflessly served as an elder for many years; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lockett; his wife, Helen; his daughters, Ellen Kay Lockett and Lucy Lockett Johnson; his brothers, Thomas, James, J.C., Robert, and Albert Lockett; his sisters, Dorothy Francis, Mary Elkins, and Betty Lockett; and his cousin, Josephine Vance Floyd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockett was the proud grandfather of Jennifer Bennett and Robert Byron Johnson, Jr., and will also be sorely missed by his beloved friend, Pat Klein, as well as a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Charles Lockett leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles David Lockett, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lockett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.